

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes of November 27, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Don Wallace, Selectmen Kenneth Johnson, Roger LeClair, Michael Demasi, and Melvin Adams. Also present were Manager Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Recreation Board Chair Sally Davidson, Clark Amadon (Vermont Trout Unlimited), Tom Murray (Department of Fish and Wildlife), Rich Kirn (Department of Fish & Wildlife), Brian Fitzgerald (Agency of Natural Resources) and Warren Hagy.

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **November 13, 2006 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. One grammatical correction on IV. b. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #11-07.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve Warrant #11-07 in the amount of \$68,301.83. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. **Clark Amadon, Vermont Trout Unlimited: Cox Brook Dam.** Mr. Amadon is the President of the local chapter, Mad Dog (Mad and Dog Rivers). Also in attendance were Tom Murray (Vermont Trout Unlimited), Rich Kirn from the Department of Fish & Wildlife, and Brian Fitzgerald from the Agency of Natural Resources. They have had contact with adjacent landowners to the Cox Brook Dam. The goal is to increase the fishing and fish spawning. Most of the landowners are enthusiastic about this project and are in support. They are proposing to do the project next summer, probably in July, pending all approvals and permits are approved. The permitting procedure does require a public hearing. At this point, there has not been any resistance. Chair Wallace would like to see this item addressed in the Northfield News and then, if there is any demand, the Selectboard or Agency will call a public hearing. The group can report back to the Selectboard after the public outreach.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Status Reports: Various Projects:** Manager Allard had nothing to add.

VI. **SELECTBOARD**

- a. **Town Tax Rate (Revised Homestead Education Tax).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Demasi, to set the Town Tax Rate (Homestead) at \$2.2980. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Executive Summary: Thompson Hill Bridge AOT Grant.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the grant request for reimbursement for \$12,162.80. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Grand List Errors and Omissions.** Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to authorize the Chair to sign the Errors & Omissions. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- d. **Ancient Roads:** Chair Wallace authorized the Highway Superintendent to apply for this grant. Assuming that we get the grant, we have until July 2009 to list "undesignated roads" (ancient roads). If we don't list them, then we've lost our options. Between 2009 and 2015, we have an opportunity to list them as Class 4 or trails. If not, then they will no longer be recognized as ancient roads.

- e. **Revised Budget Meeting Schedule:** These were distributed in the packets. The meetings that are not on Selectboard meeting nights will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Manager Allard also distributed the budget books to the Board.
- f. **Merger Committee update.** The committee has agreed to expand its membership.
- g. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
  - 1. **Board Meeting Schedule.** The meetings through November 2007 are set. We will discuss the December meetings at a later time.
  - 2. **CVRPC Representative Vacancy.** We need to request the Planning Commission make a recommendation.
  - 3. **Safe Routes 2 School.** There have been two meetings regarding Safe Routes 2 School. There is potential to receive money to work on this problem.
  - 4. **Village Common Tree Lighting.** The tree lighting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2006.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Non-agenda items:

- a. **Sally Davidson: Northfield Board of Recreation.** Ms. Davidson reported that the Recreation Board voted to allow the ice rink in the Northfield Falls area. They are waiting for a final location and are in the process of writing up an agreement between the ice committee and the Recreation Board. Also, the Recreation Board will be doing a holiday light contest. The prizes have been donated by the Grand Union, Aubuchon Hardware, and Brooks Drugs. If you wish to have your house judged, please contact Frank Hall at 485-6611
- b. **Sally Davidson: Merger Committee expansion.** Ms. Davidson was questioning if the Committee is hand-picking these people or if they will open it up to the public. Selectman Adams explained that he has requested that the Charter committee appoint two (2) people to participate in this group. Ms. Davidson is upset with the way that the Board was not receptive to the proposed Town Charter.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board went into executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to come out of executive session. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board came out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT.** Motion by Selectman Demasi, seconded by Selectman Adams, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Samantha H. Baraw*

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.